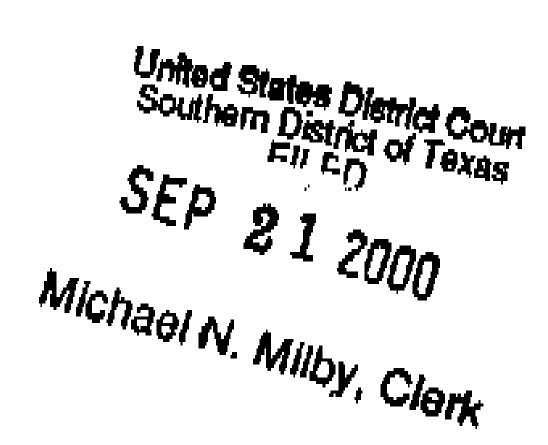
IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION



IN RE

STAGE STORES, INC.

IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

DEBTOR

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NO. 00-35078-H2-11

SECURED CLAIM FOR TAXES OF THE FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #42

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

PARAGRAPH I.

The undersigned, who resides at 2600 CITADEL PLAZA, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77008-1315 is the attorney for FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #42 and is authorized by contract with the claimant to make this proof of claim on behalf of the claimant for the collection of the outstanding taxes claimed.

PARAGRAPH II.

The debtor was, and at the time of the filing of the petition initiating this proceeding, and is still indebted to this claimant in the amount of \$2,589.21.

The consideration for this debt is as follows: Ad valorem taxes on personal property situated within the boundaries of said claimant.

The writing (tax statements) on which this claim is founded or a duplicate thereof is attached hereto.

This claim is not founded on an open account.

No judgment has been rendered on this claim

The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.

This claim is not subject to any setoff or counterclaim.

No security interest is held for this claim except as provided by Section 32.01 and Section 32.05, Texas Property Tax Code and Art 8, Section 15, Texas Constitution.

This claim is filed as a secured claim for the total claim amount of \$2,589.21.

Claimant being a duly authorized governmental taxing authority is entitled to:

treatment under Section 506 as a secured creditor because the taxes claimed are assessed against real property interests of the debtor and are secured by that real property interest.

Name of Creditor FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #42

PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P.

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DELINQUENT TAX STATEMENT

FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #42 P O BOX 1368 FRIENDSWOOD TX 77549-1368

ACCOUNT NO 1358

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PALAIS ROYAL %HARDING & CARBONE, INC. 3903 BELLAIRE BOULEVARD HOUSTON

TX 77025-1119

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